down and many more are on the verge of closure.

Through you, I would like to make a submission to the Government that the present arrangement of cotton supply is not at all fair. There should be an effective arrangement for the supply of cotton yarn at reasonable rates to both handloom and powerloom units. The government's wrong policy of exporting cotton (without fulfilling the requirements at home) too is responsible for the sharp increase in its prices. I request the Government to make fool-proof arrangements to supply cotton yarn to handloom and powerloom units at reasonable rates.

[*English*]

SHRI M. RAMANNA RAI (Kasaragod): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I may be permitted to raise the following during the zero hour:

The reported decision of the Kerala State Government to scrap the State's total literacy programme is a retrograde move and it is a set back to those who are yet to be touched by this scheme but also to all those neoliterates who will be pushed back to their old illiterate status. With the achievement of near hundred per cent literacy in the State, only some tribal pockets with a total of about one lakh people have been left to be covered in a part breaking programme of building human capital. Given that the state wide efforts towards total literacy has cut across all ideological barriers the continuation of the project to its logical conclusion would have been a natural step, irrespective of party in power in the State. The project is being financially supported by UNESCO and organisations engaged in this noble mission were all geared up to achieve the target set. But, strangely enough the new Government has sought to give a political twist to the whole programme, at a time when the literacy campaign in India is gaining momentum after Kerala's pioneering effort and is breaking ground in different parts of the country. Politicising this largely a political movement can prove to be a major stumbling block in its further progress.

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN (Rosera): Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the plight of the people affected during the 1984 riots. Almost every month, the widows of those butchered during the 1984 riots stage demonstrations and dharnas at the Boat Club. Although, seven years have passed since that massacre, no arrangement whatsoever has been made so far to rehabilitate them or to provide jobs to the dependents of those killed during the riots. No effective step has been taken in that direction by the Government. This issue has been repeatedly raised in both the Houses, but of no avail. Through you, I insist upon the Government to take immediate steps to fulfil the assurances given to them by the Government for their rehabilitation, including provision of jobs for the dependents of the riot victims.

SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN (Sasaram): Mr. Speaker Sir, with your kind permission, I would like to draw the attention of the House towards a very serious matter. Abandoning all its policies and established conventions, the Government has appointed Shri Dhirubhai Ambani and Shri Mukesh Ambani as Chairman and Deputy Chairman respectively of L and T (Larsen and Toubro)...(*Interruptions*) ...It is known to one and all that the Government of the National Front had been provided liberal financial assistance by these persons. People such dubious integrity are being appointed on important positions...(*Interruptions*)...through you, I urge the Government to immediately...(*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (Bankura): I have also given a notice for this.